

Council on Mentally Ill Offenders Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2017 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Board of Parole Hearings Executive Board Room
1515 K Street, 5th Floor, Suite 550
Sacramento, CA 95814

I. Welcome, Roll Call, Introductions

Executive Officer Welch conducted a roll. The following members were present:

Brenda Grealish, Chief, Mental Health Services Division, California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) (representing DHCS Director, Jennifer Kent)

Jessica Cruz, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) California

Mack Jenkins, Retired Chief Probation Officer, San Diego County

Manuel Jimenez, Vice Chair, Former Behavioral Health Director, Alameda County

Mark Grabau, Chief Psychologist, California Department of State Hospitals (DSH) (representing DSH Director, Pamela Ahlin)

Matthew Garcia, Field Training Officer, Sacramento Police Department

Scott Kernan, Chair, Secretary, California Department of Corrections

Stephen Manley, Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge

CDCR Staff Present:

- Diana Toche, DDS, Undersecretary Health Care Services, CDCR
- Stephanie Welch, MSW, Executive Officer, COMIO
- Dawnté Early, PhD, Research Scientist III, COMIO
- Michelle Grant, Program Analyst, COMIO
- Stephanie Charbonneau, Graduate Student Assistant, COMIO

DSH Staff Present:

- Katherine Warburton, D.O., Clinical Operations Medical Director, California Department of State Hospitals

II. Action Item: Approval of Minutes

Motion to adopt council meeting minutes from April 6, 2017.

Steven Manley so moved. Manuel Jimenez seconded. None opposed. Jessica Cruz abstained. Motion Approved.

III. No Place Like Home (NPLH) Initiative and Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council – Status Update

Deputy Director of Housing Policy Development at the California Department of Housing and Community Development, Zachary Olmstead provided an update on the No Place Like Home (NPLH) Initiative and the Homeless Coordinating and

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David Meyer
Clinical Professor/Research Scholar, USC Keck School of Medicine



Financing Council. The NPLH Initiative is a competitive grant program with a total of up to \$1.8 billion for multiple funding rounds. Funding is allocated to regions of counties based on population size – counties will compete for funding with counties of similar size. Some of the goals of the program are to provide permanent supportive housing, flexible, voluntary, and individualized services, and continuity of care.

IV. Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) Criminal Justice and Mental Health Project Update

Toby Ewing, Executive Director of the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC), explained the need for counties to think and work collectively. The MHSOAC would like to support counties in achieving this to improve prevention and early intervention strategies. He also mentioned that the MHSOAC has done some work around Mental Health Services Act reversion funds, trying to ensure clear direction so that funds are directed to the appropriate place.

Senior Researcher, Ashley Mills gave a description of the MHSOAC Criminal Justice and Mental Health Project. She stated that the draft report from this project will be released at the Commission's criminal justice subcommittee meeting on September 29, 2017.

V. Proposition 47, Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD), Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction (MIOCR) Grant and other BSCC Grants Update

Mary Jolls, Deputy Director, Corrections Planning and Grant Programs, Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC), and Helene Zentner, Field Representative for BSCC, gave a brief update on grants being administered by their division. These grants included Proposition 47, the Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction (MIOCR) Grant, and the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).

VI. Substance Use Disorder Program Implementation at California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) – Status Update

Kevin Hoffman, Deputy Director of the Division of Rehabilitative Programs (DRP) at California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), gave a presentation on the implementation of substance use disorder and other treatment programs at CDCR. Mr. Hoffman provided an overview of the programs, where they are being implemented, the eligibility requirements for participation, and which issues and/or needs they address. The mission of the Division of Rehabilitative Programs is "to help offenders leave prison with better job or career skills, education, life skills, and confidence, so they can succeed in their futures despite past obstacles". As such, there is an array of programs and services being implemented inside California prisons and for parolees with the intention of reducing recidivism and improving public safety.

VII. Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT) and Substance Use Disorders

Dr. Shannon Robinson, Senior Psychiatrist of CDCR's Statewide Telepsychiatry Program, discussed the use of Medicated Assisted Treatment for individuals suffering from substance use disorders (SUD). She explained which medications are approved by the FDA and how they work in treatment of SUD. All of these medications also have data that supports their use, which Dr. Robinson reviewed for the Council.

VIII. Maximizing Medi-Cal for the Justice-Involved Population – Department of Health Care Services

Michele Wong, Assistant Division Chief of the SUD Compliance Division, Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), gave a presentation and detailed status update of the Drug Medi-Cal

Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS). She explained that this is part of the 1115 waiver which is part of the Medi-Cal 2020 Waiver. The core elements of the pilot are benefits, accountability, beneficiary protections, oversight, and quality. Ms. Wong said that being able to connect people to services to support them in their recovery is important and that DMC-ODS is meant to achieve this. The program is seen as complementing the 1115 waiver.

Brian Hansen, Health Program Specialist II for Health Care Delivery Systems, DHCS, gave a status update regarding Whole Person Care Pilots (WPC) and justice-involved populations. He stated that WPC is under 1115 waiver program and provides \$3 billion over 5 years to bring silos together within local counties to provide whole person care coordination. There are 25 pilot programs throughout the state the funding runs through 2020. Mr. Hansen also stated that all of the WPC funds have been allocated and 12 of 25 pilots have a specialized target population of justice-involved individuals.

IX. Efforts to Reduce Recidivism – Yolo County Health and Human Services

Director of Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency, Karen Larsen gave a comprehensive overview of ongoing efforts to reduce recidivism in Yolo County. She reviewed the Sequential Intercept Model and noted the resources available at each intercept in Yolo, as well as the gaps in services. Ms. Larsen also noted new funding opportunities and initiatives in Yolo County and some of the outcome and performance measures of current programs.

X. COMIO Business: Action Items

- a. ***Motion to delegate to staff, with input from members as warranted, comments regarding the MHSOAC's Criminal Justice and Mental Health Project Recommendations.***

Manuel Jimenez so moved. Brenda Grealish seconded. None opposed. Jessica Cruz abstained. Motion approved.

- b. ***Motion to delegate to staff to develop comments on CHFFA's report.***

Manuel Jimenez so moved. Matthew Garcia seconded. None opposed. Jessica Cruz abstained. Motion approved.

- c. ***Motion to delegate final selections of 2017 Best Practices Awards to staff and at least two volunteer COMIO members.***

Stephen Manley so moved. Mark Grabau seconded. None opposed. Jessica Cruz abstained. Motion approved.

1. Councilmember Volunteers: Brenda Grealish, Mack Jenkins, Mark Grabau

XI. Public Comment

Joe Partansky suggested that COMIO attempt to take advantage of regulations which state that the Attorney General appoint a member to the council. He also mentioned the idea of establishing baseline data on justice-involvement and behavioral health needs by using reports from police departments to the federal government.

Dorinda Wiseman of the California Mental Health Planning Council (CMHPC) announced that the next quarterly meeting will be held in October 2017 and that there will be a screening of "The S Word", a documentary on suicide and suicide intervention, on October 18, 2017.

XII. Adjourn